



1 HOUSE RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The members of the House of Representatives of the
3 State of Illinois are pleased to recognize milestones in the
4 history of institutions that serve the citizens of this State;
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6 WHEREAS, The Westchester Public Library is celebrating its
7 50th anniversary; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1956, voters approved a dedicated library tax
9 and elected the library's first Board of Trustees; the first
10 meeting of the Board was held on April 2, 1956, at which time
11 the library had 3,759 books; and

12 WHEREAS, During the first month, there were 1,605 active
13 cards of registered borrowers and 4,450 books borrowed; the
14 building was 3,200 square feet; and

15 WHEREAS, Today, the library has a substantial collection;
16 it has 84,033 books, 621 e-books, 4,648 audio recordings, 4,140
17 DVDs, 35 electronic databases, and 276 current subscriptions to
18 publications; there are 10,249 active cards of registered
19 borrowers as of April 30, 2006, and 143,234 items were borrowed
20 in FY 2005-2006; the current library facility is 22,000 square
21 feet, and it is visited by 126,715 persons; and

22 WHEREAS, The mission of the Westchester Public Library is
23 to promote lifelong learning and enrichment through access to
24 information, services, and a knowledgeable staff in an open
25 environment; it seeks to stimulate the free exchange of ideas
26 and a sense of community; therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
28 NINETY-FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
29 we recognize the 50th anniversary of the Westchester Public

1 Library; and be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
3 presented to the Library as an expression of our esteem.